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FOR MATLOCK FROM MCCALL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. COLOMNIST JOSEPH KRAFT PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW JULY 1 TO
8. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR AND RAY BENSON.
IF AGREEABLE TO THE AMBASSADOR, HE MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THE
JULY 4 RECEPTION.

2. RE THE NONPAPER ON JAILED SOVIETS LEFT BY TOLYA LAST
FRIDAY, TEXT OF WHICH NOW SENT SEPTTEL, WE AND S/MS ONLY
LEARNED OF IT THIS MORNING. WE MADE DIRECT AND VIGOROUS
EFFORT FRIDAY EVENING, WHICH YIELDED ONLY THE OTHER NONPAPER
SENT YOU AT THAT TIME.

3. HAL SCOTT TOLD US THAT SHUSHKOV, WO;HO IS NOW IN THE
US, WAS WILLING--IF WE DIDN'T MIND--TO EXPRESS CONCERN TO
MOSCOW OVER CRAWFORD'S ARREST, AND TO SAY THAT BUSINESSMEN
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SHOULD NOT BE USED AS PAWNS IN A POLITICAL GAME. WE TOLD
HAL WE DIDN'T MIND.

4. WILLIS ARMSTRONG WILL BE ARRIVING IN MOSCOW ON
SATURDAY JUNE 24 AND WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH KEN SKOUG ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, CONCERNING ICC VISIT AND AMBASSADOR'S RE-
CEPTION. CHRISTOPHER

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